

# TROY CITY VIEW

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*Greetings. Welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our City's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and ongoing events of our City. I hope you find this a very useful tool in your planning.*

*Sincerely,  
Michael L. Beamish, Mayor*



## Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

Recently three teenage girls from Troy tragically lost their young lives due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen at any place and at any time. It is a colorless, odorless gas that can come from a malfunctioning fuel burning appliance such as a heater, fireplace, furnace, hot

water heater, generator or a car left running in an attached garage. The only way to detect the poisonous and potentially fatal gas is with a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm.

Mayor Michael Beamish and Matt Simmons (pictured) are pleased to announce that in support of the on-going efforts of the Troy Fire Department (TFD) to promote carbon monoxide awareness and education, Meijer and First Alert have announced the donation of 200 of the new 10-Year Combination Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms for distribution by the TFD. In addition, donations continue to be accepted to the "Troy Carbon Monoxide Detector Fund," through The Troy Foundation.

Upon request, members of the TFD will deliver a detector, install, and provide education as to the proper care, use, and maintenance of one of the combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The detectors are available for residents served by the TFD.

This program has been established by the City of Troy, the Lincoln Community Center, Partners in Hope, and The Troy Foundation. Please contact Acting Fire Chief Matt Simmons at (937) 335-5678 with any questions.



## Sculptures on the Square

On May 3, downtown Troy will once again showcase a sculpture from world renowned artist J. Seward Johnson, Jr. The 2015 display will deviate from past exhibits in that it will offer one significant sculpture, rather than multiple smaller sculptures, and feature a 25-foot bronze sculpture of Abraham Lincoln and a modern-day man. This sculpture is of monumental scale and Troy will be the first city in the world to receive the sculpture for public viewing! The exhibition will remain on display through October.

Sculptures on the Square is made possible by a grant from The Troy Foundation and is presented by Troy Main Street in partnership with the City of Troy.

For more information visit the Troy Main Street website at [www.troymainstreet.org](http://www.troymainstreet.org).

## Farmers Market Returns

The Troy Main Street Farmers Market will begin its fifth season on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The market, located on South Cherry Street, will once again provide locally grown produce, handcrafted items, and entertainment each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon through mid-September.



Approximately 35 vendors will set up each week providing a cornucopia of food items, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, artisanal cheeses, maple syrup, baked goods, breads, handmade soaps, crafts, flowers, and candies. Music, live art, dancing, cooking demonstrations and more will create a desirable shopping atmosphere.

For information on how to become a vendor at the Downtown Troy Farmers Market, call (937) 339-5455 or email Market Manager Kelly Snyder at [kelly@troymainstreet.org](mailto:kelly@troymainstreet.org).

# Upcoming City Projects

**MCKAIG AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION.** Street improvements will be made to McKaig Avenue (from Monroe Street to Madison Street at the railroad crossing) that include road reconstruction, sidewalk, curb and drive approach replacement, stormwater drainage, and utility improvements.

**WATER TOWER.** City Council has authorized an agreement for the design of a new Extra High Service Water Tower to be located on the west side of Troy. Designs are underway and the project is expected to be bid this fall.

**ROAD REALIGNMENT.** The realignment of the intersection of Troy-Urbana Road and Piqua-Troy Road (a.k.a North Market Street) will be completed this spring. The new location of the road will provide a safer intersection and loop the waterline and extend sanitary sewer in the area.

**DOWNTOWN STREETScape.** The City of Troy received a grant for a portion of the cost to extend the Downtown Streetscape along East Main Street (one block from Walnut Street to Mulberry Street). This project includes decorative pavers, new sidewalk, curb bump-outs, ADA ramps, new curbs, and underground electric with decorative light poles.

**WASHINGTON ROAD WATERLINE.** This project will complete a 12" waterline loop from the intersection of Washington Road and Stanfield Road to the existing 16" dead-end waterline at the intersection of SR 41 and Washington Road.

**HOBART ARENA.** Plans for the \$7.2 million renovation of Hobart Arena will make this the largest renovation in its 65 year history. This project is expected to be bid this summer. In addition to the planned renovations, a study will be conducted to evaluate the installation of a second sheet of ice.

**MARINA BUILDING.** Located in Treasure Island, this building will be renovated this summer to allow for reuse and recreational opportunities. The renovation includes upgrades to the interior and exterior of the building, a new roof, and HVAC work.

**TREASURE ISLAND PARK.** Plans are being designed for development of this park. Plans include construction of a new shelter house, gazebo, amphitheater, and the extension of the bike path. The project is expected to be bid this spring.



## Cemetery Spring Decorations

In accordance with the Cemetery regulations, spring and summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Cemetery Department at (937) 335-2710.

## Dye Mill Facility

The Dye Mill Road facility will open April 1. The hours of operation will be Monday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please check our website for a list of items that are accepted at the Dye Mill Road facility or call (937) 335-1914.

## Spring Clean-up

The City of Troy will hold its annual "Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week" from April 20 through April 24, 2015. During this week, residents will be permitted to exceed the standard five-bag limit for household refuse. In addition, residents are encouraged to engage in and promote spring clean-up in their neighborhoods. Collected items should be classified as household refuse and placed in standard containers for collection. For more information contact the Central Maintenance & Service Facility at (937) 335-1914.

## Taxes Due

All residents 18 years of age and older are required to file an income tax return. The City of Troy offers the service of free tax return preparation. Simply contact the Income Tax office at 339-3861 for an appointment and bring your tax information with you and we will complete your form for you. There is no charge for this service, but appointments are required during March and April. Tax filings received or postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, will be considered as timely filed.

Don't forget: Online e-filing, account information, and credit card tax payments are available. Visit our website at [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov) for details.

## New Parking Kiosk

A new kiosk was installed in the S. Cherry St. parking lot, which replaced 47 parking meters that were previously installed in the city-owned parking lot. The kiosk is technologically more advanced than the mechanical meters it has replaced. It will accept nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar bills, and has the ability to accept credit cards (which the city is researching). The kiosk allows citizens the opportunity to pay the discounted price of \$2/day that the mechanical meters did not offer.

The new parking kiosk, which tracks vehicles by their license plates, provides all users with a printed receipt that shows the expiration time as well as other information needed. We hope you find the new kiosk to be user friendly.



## BigBelly

Have you visited downtown lately? If so, you may have noticed the new waste and recycling receptacles. The 150 gallon "BigBelly" units are solar powered and have the ability to compact trash and hold more trash than the waste receptacles they replaced. Currently, there are four BigBelly trash and recycling receptacles at various locations within the downtown. This new technology will save staff time and resources while keeping downtown clean.



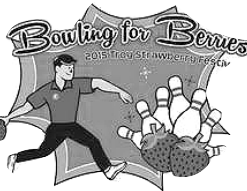
# 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS IN TROY:

## May 29 - Troy Streets Alive

To kick off summer, Troy Main Street will host this event from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Troy. More than 50 businesses will stay open late and entertain guests with special sidewalk performances, sidewalk sales, and store promotions. Visitors will hear live music at several street locations and see art in progress as painters, potters, and others transform the sidewalks into outdoor studios. Visit over 50 artists, dancers, musicians, and much more!

## June 5-7 Troy Strawberry Festival

The 38th annual Troy Strawberry Festival (TSF) will be held on June 5-7. This year's theme is "Bowling for Berries." The Festival kicks off Friday evening on the levee with the Children's Parade starting at 6:15 p.m. and the Bed Races to follow. The TSF will be held on the levee and in downtown, including the public square and surrounding blocks. The N. Market St. Bridge will be closed to traffic on Sunday, June 7. For more information, please visit the TSF website at [www.gostrawberries.com](http://www.gostrawberries.com).



## June 25 - Cincinnati Symphony Concert

This annual concert is scheduled for the public square and will start at 8 p.m.

## July 4 - Independence Day

Celebrate Independence Day by attending the parade (time and location to be announced) and Rozzi's Famous Fireworks. At approximately 10 p.m., the sky above the Great Miami River Levee will be lit up with fireworks on what promises to be a fantastic show. The fireworks are sponsored by the City of Troy, The Troy Foundation, and by Concord Township.



## August 4 - National Night Out

Activities will be held on the levee beginning at 5:30 p.m. Food and entertainment will be available. All citizens are invited to participate in this event geared to inform and help protect our community.

## August 16 - Mayor's Concert

The 2015 Mayor's Concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Prouty Plaza, featuring the Dayton Philharmonic Concert Band with Mayor Beamish as honorary conductor.

## August 17 - Festival of Nations

The 20th annual Festival of Nations will be held at the levee from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Festival will offer ethnic food, music, cultural exhibits, entertainment, crafts, and food from various restaurants. China will be the 2015 featured country. Admission is free.



## September 19 - Taste of Troy



This annual event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Troy to showcase local restaurants. Visitors can sample the culinary delights of hometown restaurants, listen to live music, shop at the Downtown Troy Farmers Market, and participate in beer and wine tastings. Admission to the Taste of Troy is free and open to the public. Tickets for food tastings and drinks can be purchased at the Taste of Troy.

For additional information, call Troy Main Street at 937-339-5455 or visit [www.troymainstreet.org](http://www.troymainstreet.org).

# Stormwater

Our local streams and floodplains provide important ecological functions and services that benefit us for FREE. Polluted stormwater runoff can degrade and even eliminate these free services. When it rains (or snow/ice melts) the runoff transports any contaminant that it touches (oil, salt, gas, trash, brake dust...etc.) to the local stream degrading the stream's water quality and aquatic habitat. The FREE benefits that streams and floodplains provide us are:

**Property flood protection.** Floodwater will have the room it needs to spread out near the stream instead of forcing it to rise onto your property.

**Water purification.** Stream and floodplain systems act as natural filters allowing runoff to slow down and infiltrate the soil beneath filtering out nutrients and sediment. It also allows the runoff to be absorbed and filtered by the vegetation. This free way of purifying the water can save us money on water treatment costs.

**Groundwater recharge.** Streams and floodplains allow rain to recharge groundwater reserves giving us clean drinking water.

**You can help streams by:**

- ❖ Plant trees wherever practical.
- ❖ Vegetate all bare areas of your yard to prevent erosion.
- ❖ Use rain barrels to capture the water for later use.
- ❖ Build a rain garden to let the rain slowly filter through your soil.
- ❖ Get a soil test to see if you need to fertilize.
- ❖ Reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticide you use.
- ❖ Compost your yard waste to reduce nutrient run off.
- ❖ Recycle car fluids and pick up pet waste.
- ❖ Use eco-friendly salt or sand to be safe in the winter.
- ❖ Don't mow up to the stream's edge, leave a buffer of taller vegetation between the stream and your yard.

## TBD - Air Force Band of Flight Concert

This annual concert is currently being scheduled. Please check our website for further information.

## OTHER SCHEDULED CONCERTS AT PROUTY PLAZA

- May 18 Troy HS Jazz Band - Picnic on the Plaza - 11:45 a.m.
- May 20 7th Grade Band - Picnic on the Plaza - 11:45 a.m.
- May 21 8th Grade Band - Picnic on the Plaza - 11:45 a.m.
- May 24 Troy Civic Band - "To Those Who Serve" - 7 p.m.
- June 26 Eric Jeradi Band - 7:30 p.m.
- June 28 Troy Civic Band - "Hot Fun in the Summertime" - 7 p.m.
- July 2 122nd Army Band - 7 p.m.
- July 10 Doyle Brothers - 7:30 p.m.
- July 17 Jah Soul - 7:30 p.m.
- July 24 American Kings - 7:30 p.m.
- July 31 Crazy Joe & the Madriver Outlaws - 7:30 p.m.
- August 7 Floorwalkers - 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Troy Civic Band - "We Love M&Ms, Movies & Musicals" - 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Troy Civic Band - "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" - 7 p.m.





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## CITY OF TROY

### EMPLOYEE NEWS

The City welcomes the following new employees: **Christy Butera**, Assistant City Engineer; **Leonard Mullins**, Parking Control Officer. Please welcome these individuals to the City of Troy team!

The City would like to recognize the following employees on their promotions: **Robert Byrer**, Senior Water Distribution Serviceman; **Thomas Gibson**, Police Sergeant; **Eric Krites**, Platoon Commander; **Jeff Monce**, Water Plant Superintendent; **Jillian Rhoades**, City Engineer; **Bobby Sims**, Refuse Truck Driver Group Leader; **Glen Wooddell**, Water Distribution Serviceman.

The City thanks the following retired employees for their service to the City: **Christopher Boehringer**, Fire Chief; **JoAnn Coates**, Deputy Auditor; **Bob Hodge**, Refuse Truck Driver Team Leader; **Steve Suerdick Sr.**, Senior Water Distribution Serviceman. We wish them well in their retirements.

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS WANTED

On May 25, 1971, Troy established the Auxiliary Police Unit to assist the police department in activities and services related to police operations. Auxiliary members are utilized in directing traffic, crowd control, crime prevention, accompanying and assisting sworn officers on patrol, and special events. Auxiliary officers receive training in activities that are quasi-law enforcement in nature. *To establish yourself in the Auxiliary Police Unit, please contact the Troy Police Department at (937) 339-7525.*

### CITY OF TROY VISION STATEMENT

**Vision:** The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.



## Troy City Council Meetings to be Streamed Live

Troy City Council and Committee meetings can now be watched live on our website. Simply visit our webpage [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov) and click on "Live Video". You can watch previous meetings by linking on to our YouTube channel. Please check out the city calendar on our website for times and dates of upcoming meetings.

## DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor . . . . . Michael L. Beamish

President of Council . . . . . Martha A. Baker

Council Members:

1st Ward . . . . . Thomas M. Kendall

2nd Ward . . . . . Douglas W. Tremblay

3rd Ward . . . . . John W. Schweser

4th Ward . . . . . Bobby W. Phillips

5th Ward . . . . . William C. Twiss

6th Ward . . . . . Brock A. Heath

At-large . . . . . Alan R. Clark

At-large . . . . . Lynne B. Snee

At-large . . . . . Robin I. Oda

Director of Law . . . . . James R. Livingston

Auditor . . . . . John A. Stickel

Treasurer . . . . . Melvin R. Shane

Director of Public Service & Safety

. . . . . Patrick E. J. Titterington

Assistant Director of Public Service & Safety

. . . . . Thomas C. Funderburg

Clerk of Council and Administrative

Assistant . . . . . Sue G. Knight

Cemetery Foreman . . . . . David M. Hastings

City Engineer . . . . . Jillian A. Rhoades

Development Director . . . . . James A. Dando, Jr.

Director of Golf . . . . . Kenneth D. Green

Fire Chiefs (Interim) . . . . . Matthew D. Simmons

Gary W. Stanley, Jr.

MIS Manager . . . . . Richard C. Oak

Park Superintendent . . . . . Jeremy S. Drake

Police Chief . . . . . Charles C. Phelps

Recreation Director . . . . . Kenneth E. Siler

Wastewater Plant Superintendent

. . . . . Timothy R. Snider

Water Plant Superintendent . . . . . Jeffery A. Monce

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov).